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NPA OF PUNJAB AND SINDH BANK
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab & Sindh Bank is not making any sincere efforts to bring down its net non-performance assets (NPA) to zero percent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether cases of NPAs below Rs.25 lakh are still pending for disposal for more than one year despite handsome offers made by borrowers; and

(d) if so, the number of cases pending below Rs.25 lakh for settlement and the steps being taken to settle these cases early?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) : No, Sir. Punjab & Sind Bank is making efforts to bring down its Net non-performing assets (NPAs) to a lower level. Due to recoveries of NPAs and higher provisions made against the NPAs in the last four years, the Net NPAs of the bank has come down from 12.27% to 9.6%. Bank proposes to reduce it further to 1.99% by March 2007.

(b)&(d): Do not arise, (c): No, Sir.